GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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ALLOCATION UNDER NREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total fund earmarked/allocated and released for implementation of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) during 2007-08;

(b) the fund provision for the Scheme under the Eleventh Plan;

(c) whether the fund allocation is likely to be hiked by Rs.4000 crores during the year 2008-2009; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a): NREGA is demand based and, therefore, funds are not allocated under NREGA. A budget provision of Rs. 12000 crore had been made for NREGA for the year 2007-08. During 2007-08, a sum of Rs. 12044.98 crore has been released to the States as on 10.3.2008.

(b): Under the Eleventh Plan, a provision of Rs. 1, 00,000 crore has been made for implementation of NREGA.

(c) & (d): In his Budget speech, Finance Minister has announced that a budget provision of Rs. 16,000 crore will be made for NREGA for the year 2008-09 which is Rs. 4000 crore more than the budget provision made for NREGA for the year 2007-08.